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Harris backs Hudak for Tory leader

POLITICS Former premier Mike Harris is aggressively building support for MPP Tim Hudak in the race to succeed John Tory as Progressive Conservative leader, the Toronto Star has learned.

Harris, who governed Ontario from 1995 to 2002 and is an iconic figure to Conservatives, has been working the phones for Hudak, a former minister in his administration and MPP for Niagara West-Glanbrook, since Tory's surprise defeat in a byelection on March 5.

"Mike is doing the hard sell and he can be very persuasive," lamented one senior Tory aligned with Whiteby-Oshawa MPP Christine Elliott, a rival candidate.

Indeed, in a telephonic battle of the Tory titans, Elliott's husband, federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, is also pushing his candidate with calls to supporters and donors across Ontario.

The only other known active candidate is Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington MPP Randy Hillier. The race will be decided at a June convention in either Hamilton or Greater Toronto. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Pro- and anti-Bush protesters exchange colourful words yesterday in Calgary outside the Telus Convention Centre. George W. Bush gave a speech inside to an invitation-only group who paid \$400 a seat to hear the former U.S. president. **Story, pg 5**

Mom to honour daughter with walk

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ANNIVERSARY For the first time since the search for a missing Carleton student ended, Nadia Kajouji's mother is coming to Ottawa to mark the one-year anniversary of the discovery of her daughter's body.

"The last year has been horrific," Deborah Chevalier said yesterday. "It's one of sorrow, of regret. A lot of things have played through my mind — what could have been different."

"Her anniversary date will hopefully be a time of change for me."

On Sunday, April 19, starting at Carleton University, Chevalier will be holding the Walk for Nadia, a walk and a candlelight vigil "to honour my daughter Nadia and to show that stricter laws are needed in regards to Internet predators."

The victim of an apparent suicide, Kajouji, 18, was found dead in the Rideau River last April 20 after a six-week search. Every day, Chevalier waits to hear if police have laid charges against the Minnesota man who allegedly encouraged Kajouji to commit suicide.

"It's a much-needed precedent," she said. "We always thought if you teach your kids not to meet someone from the Internet, they'd be safe, but this type of person isn't interested in meeting someone face-to-face. We need to find a way to battle this."

More information on the walk can be found on the Facebook group Justice for Nadia.

Stimulus funds for LRT?

Much of rapid transit's Phase One eligible, says Baird

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Projects

Along with the \$1.4-billion downtown tunnel, Phase One also includes: A new bridge over the Rideau River and Lees Avenue (\$45 million); extending the Transitway 15 kilometres in Cum-

berland, Bayshore and Barrhaven (\$144 million); a major new transfer station at Baseline Station (\$207 million); and dedicated lanes on the Strandherd Armstrong Bridge (\$34 million).

ready on time.

"If any of that work could be done in the next two years, we've got a considerable sum of money to get Canadians working in the short term that we are prepared to advance," Federal Infrastructure Transportation and Communities Minister John Baird said. "As soon as they can begin putting Canadians to work, we'll flow the mon-

ey. We'll cut back to the red tape to make it happen for the city as soon as they can make it work."

Baird said the funding for the tunnel and train portions of the phase would probably not be eligible for stimulus funding, but there are a number of other projects that could be ready to go.

Although there are some Phase One rapid transit

projects that are eligible for funding, provincial municipal affairs and housing minister Jim Watson said they're "not going to rush the process."

"I think it's only fair that we be given some time to analyze it," he said.

Perhaps working in the city's favour is a level of co-operation between all three levels of government.

"This is the best relationship that the Harper government has ever had with the provincial government and the city," Baird said. "It's not a question of whether or not we will support the plan, it's how much."

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Riding the Recession

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Wannabe rock stars have a chance to strut their stuff and take the stage this March break at Place d'Orléans. Basement Bon Jovis will rock out with the popular video game Rock Band for a chance to win cash prizes. The competition runs all week from 1 to 3 p.m. **METRO OTTAWA**

Local



Luring, child porn charges laid

A Gatineau man has been charged with child luring and child pornography offences. On Monday, the Ottawa Police Service Internet Child Exploitation Unit charged a 43-year-old man with luring a child via computer, possession of child pornography, and invitation to sexual touching after seizing a computer and other computer-related media. Hector Ladouceur appeared in court yesterday. METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa's \$13M Via Rail upgrade complete

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Over \$13 million of improvements to Via Rail have been completed, allowing faster, more reliable services to passengers in Ottawa.

Advancements to Ottawa's rail service included infrastructure improvements to the Montreal route through Alexandria and a similar undertaking for the Toronto route through Smith Falls in the near future, as well as upwards of \$500,000 for renovating the Ottawa station. "We have modernized key customer areas," said Paul Côté, president and chief executive officer for

Station funding

- The \$13 million was a portion of a \$516-million investment announced in 2007 by the Government of Canada to upgrade key passenger stations.

Via Rail Canada, of the station that in some areas dates back to the 1970s.

"We have enlarged the Panorama lounge to accommodate increased passenger demand and we used new environmentally responsible technologies to respect our commitment to both the environment and to the comfort of our customers," he said.

According to Canada's Transport Minister John

Baird, improvements like the ones seen throughout the Ottawa region allow for more trains, decreased travel time, and reduced emissions, as fewer cars are on the road. These upgrades provide "safe, reliable, sustainable passenger rail service" for all Canadians while boosting the Canadian economy.

"We (were) investing in Canada's infrastructure and in Via Rail long before the economic downturn," said Baird.

"In fact, Canada is in a better position than many countries that face the new economic era precisely because of the preparations we took and the investments our government has made."



Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird arrived by train at the Ottawa Train Station yesterday afternoon.

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Video Protests heat up at Bush's Calgary visit at metronews.ca/canada

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Controversial uOttawa prof faces dismissal

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After closed-door meetings between University of Ottawa officials, a controversial physics professor at the university could be facing dismissal by the end of the month.

Dismissal proceedings against Denis Rancourt began back in December after he awarded A+ grades to every student in one of his fourth-year physics courses.

That appeared to be the last straw in a long list of incidents going back to 2005 where Rancourt has clashed with the university administration.

Rancourt met with university officials in a last chance bid to avoid dismissal before the issue goes to the university's board of governors on March 31.

According to Rancourt, the university offered to go to mediation, but only un-

der "exceedingly strict" conditions and set the board of governors meeting as a deadline for a resolution in his case.

Rancourt said the conditions make it almost impossible for him to meet their demands.

"It's a ridiculous agenda. You cannot mediate a difficult case like this in 10 days," he said after the meeting yesterday. "When you interpret what the university

told me today, what it means is (they) are not really interested in mediating."

UOttawa's director of communications Andrée Dumulon said she would not discuss details of the offer between the university and Rancourt, but that it was up to him to make the next move.

"The ball is in Professor Rancourt's court," she said. "The university is open to subsequent meetings that could even include mediation."



Denis Rancourt

News in brief

HONOURS A University of Ottawa physics professor and National Research Council scientist has been awarded the Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal. Dr. Paul Corkum was named this year's winner of Canada's most prestigious science prize — which includes \$1 million in research funding — Monday. Corkum, who has an Order of Canada, a Killam Prize and Polanyi Award for outstanding achievement in the field of natural sciences, is the third University of Ottawa professor and second NRC researcher to receive the honour.

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Three's Company and Step by Step star Suzanne Somers said her visit to Ottawa next month will be good for the city — in more ways than one.

"I was (in Ottawa) last year," the TV and film actress, bestselling author and healthy living advocate told Metro Ottawa from her home in southern California earlier this week. "It was so beautiful — and freezing cold. But I went out and walked and walked anyway. I thought I was dressed warmly."

The actress said she stopped four times — to buy warmer gloves, warmer socks, warmer boots and a sweater to put under her coat.

"I think I was good for the economy," she laughed.

No doubt she'll be prepared this time, when she's scheduled to give a lecture on how Ottawans can lead healthier lives on



Sitcom star, bestselling author and speaker Suzanne Somers is coming to Ottawa April 4 to talk about healthy living.

April 4.

The talk at Tudor Hall, entitled Breakthrough: Eight Steps to Wellness, is based on her latest New York Times bestseller of the same name.

A breast cancer diagnosis nine years ago got Somers thinking more about health.

"I thought, 'I have to change my life.' And in do-

ing so, I found a real path to wellness, which is what my book is about," she said. "At Tudor Hall, I'll be sharing the things I've learned through interviewing doctors. I've used my celebrity to get to the cutting-edge doctors in the world," she said.

People aren't sleeping enough and are turning to medication rather than exploring natural healing.

"People don't understand the effects of chemicals," she said. "People are getting cancer younger and younger. We have to start connecting the dots."

Career-wise, she's worn many hats through the years. But Somers said "this is the most fulfilled and satisfied phase of my life."

Her advice? "You can't get stuck," she said. "I don't know where I would be if I was still doing sitcom. I guess I would be a grandmother or a judge. And that doesn't sound very interesting. I've just been going with my true interests."

Man robs Gatineau bank, staff

CRIME A bank employee had to fork over his own cash after a Gatineau bank robber came up short during a holdup Monday afternoon.

At 4:50 p.m., a man armed with a gun entered the Scotiabank at 210 Aylmer Rd. and demanded

cash.

"He tried to get money from the (till), but it was empty," said Gatineau Police Const. Isabelle Poirier. "He left with money from one of the employees."

The man fled the bank and entered a vehicle,

where two other suspects were waiting for him.

Police are now seeking a 20- to 25-year-old man, about six feet tall and weighing 150 pounds. He was wearing a baseball cap and dark-coloured pants and jacket.

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Heritage minister criticizes CBC

Federal Heritage Minister James Moore used a Sunday television appearance in Quebec to criticize the level of U.S. programming on CBC. "I don't like it when I see the CBC cancelling Canadian content, and we see Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune," Moore said. **REUTERS**

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Canada



Health claims hurting fish: Report

Claims about the human health benefits of eating more fish may be causing more environmental and social harm than good, according to a University of British Columbia study published yesterday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. The health claims appear to be overblown, and many of the studies making them ignore the pressure increased consumption puts on the dwindling global fish stocks, researchers say. **REUTERS**

Four arrested as George W. Bush speaks in Calgary

PROTEST Those lucky enough to be part of the elite 1,500 who purchased an invitation-only \$400 seat to hear George W. Bush's speech in Calgary yesterday thought the former president spoke honestly and from the heart.

While Bush kicked off his unofficial image rehabilitation tour inside the Telus Convention Centre, about 300 protestors gathered outside with angry signs and chants. Some tried to intimidate the

"I'm here in support of what he's done."

Wes Rein Heller, speech attendee

Rein Heller, who attended Bush's speech. "On the flip side, I see a lineup here that's half a mile long — and this is where it's at. I'm here in support of what he's done for the past eight years."

Police arrested four protesters at the event for various charges, including violations of a public behaviour bylaw and breaching the peace. **JENNIFER HILLIKER/ FOR METRO CANADA**

Canadians die in Mexico bus crash

Three Canadians, seven Americans and a Mexican bus driver are dead after their bus was hit by a truck — whose driver local police say was drunk — in northern Mexico, officials said yesterday.

The bus was carrying 23 American and Canadian tourists when a cargo truck swerved into its lane Monday and slammed into it head on, said an official from the civil protection agency in the state of Coahuila where the crash occurred.

Seventeen more people were injured, some of them in serious condition, the official said.

The three Canadians to perish in the crash are being identified as: Robert Lacas, 56, of Quebec City; Carolyn Kowaleski, 68, of Caledonia, Ont.; and Mari-

lyn Jackson, 67, of Vancouver.



Red Cross paramedics remove an injured person from the site of a Monday bus accident on the outskirts of Saltillo in the Mexican state of Coahuila.

The bus, which had left from McAllen, Texas, was

carrying tourists to the colonial mining town of Zacatecas in central Mexico.

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News in brief

HOT TUB John Hoppe and his wife Ashley thought they were getting a hot tub included when they bought their first home together. When they moved into their Deer Ridge, Alta., home in late January, the hot tub wasn't there due to a mistake made by their realtor Ed Belanger. The

previous owners had taken it with them because it was put in the wrong section of the contract. Even though the real estate business is far from booming these days, Belanger decided to rectify his mistake by buying the couple a hot tub out of his own pocket.

FUNERAL Roughly 1,000 relatives, friends and community members filled a Toronto church yesterday morning to remember and mourn Marc Diab, who was the 112th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan since 2002.

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French President Nicolas Sarkozy has caused an uproar with plans to collect statistics on ethnic origins to help minorities. "The controversy shows we're not at peace with our identity," Francois Heran, director of the National Institute of Demographic Studies, said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

World



Robot hits catwalk

From IT labs to photo grabs, a Japanese humanoid robot will soon be strutting her hard- and soft-ware stuff on the fashion catwalk. The sleek HRP-4C runs on battery-powered motors located in her body and face, allowing the expressions, gait and poses of a supermodel, but on a stormtrooper-like silver and black frame.

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News in brief

MILITARY Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said yesterday that Russia would rearm its military and boost its nuclear forces despite the raging economic crisis because U.S.-led NATO is expanding toward its borders.

PLANNING China has approved a "modern redesign" of Tibet's remote and mountainous capital Lhasa, state media said yesterday, including a limit on its downtown population.

PAKISTAN The Pakistani government will restore democracy quickly in its biggest and politically most important province as part of reconciliation efforts, Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said yesterday.

PAKISTAN Radiation has affected animals living near the site of Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear disaster far more than was previously thought, a study showed, challenging beliefs that local wildlife was on the rebound.

REUTERS

Austria Grim charges



Defendant Josef Fritzl arrives for his trial in Sankt Poelten, Austria yesterday. Fritzl, a 73-year-old Austrian who locked his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and fathered seven children with her, pleaded guilty to incest but denied murdering a newborn son who died underground.

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Pope: Condoms no solution to AIDS crisis

Pontiff reaffirms opposition during African visit

Pope Benedict yesterday reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's opposition to the use of condoms in the fight against AIDS as he started a visit to Africa, where more than 25 million people have died from the disease in recent decades.

The Pope, who arrived to a tumultuous welcome in the capital of Cameroon, also said the continent's people were suffering disproportionately due to the global challenges of food shortages, financial crises and climate change.

"It (AIDS) cannot be overcome by the distribu-

In America...

• With a large poor and minority population, Washington D.C. has struggled with HIV for decades. A recent report showed the number of people with HIV infections rose 22 per cent from 2006 to 2007.

tion of condoms. On the contrary, they increase the problem," he said in response to a question about the Church's widely contested position against the use of condoms.

His words were some of his most explicit on the use of condoms to stop the

spread of AIDS since his election in 2005.

The Church teaches that fidelity within heterosexual marriage, chastity and abstinence are the best ways to stop AIDS. It does not approve condoms but some Church leaders have been calling for allowing their use in rare cases between married heterosexual couples where one partner has the disease.

With the number of practising Catholics dwindling in the developed world, Africa is seen as vital to the Church's future. But the relationship is not without controversy.

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a flock of these dino-mites.

Hesperonychus was discovered by Canadian Nick Longrich, a paleontologist at the University of Calgary, who did his fieldwork by rummaging around in a drawer.

Apparently the little dino's bones had been dug up in 1982, but no one took a close look at the little hip bone in question until 2007 when Longrich acted

species.

A very Canadian discovery, this.

A four-pound prehistoric chicken discovered at the back of a drawer in a university lab.

What's so important about this fierce, but fortunately extinct little beast?

Well, it begins to paint a more complete picture of the Jurassic ecology; it tells us more about the ancestors

of our feathered friends, and it reminds us that big things come in small packages.

Longrich himself sees an object lesson — Hesperonychus avoided

ed detection, even if it was right under our noses all this time, because of something he

calls "collecting bias" — paleontologists are human too, so they spend most of their time looking for T-Rex and have a tendency to ignore such tiny treasures.

It takes a Canadian sensibility, I guess, to think small enough.

I hate to end this on a depressing note, but of course this discovery has prompted the people who learned their natural history studying the Flintstones, to state with conviction that Hesperonychus could not be 75 million years old, because as any idiot knows God created the world only 6013 years ago, and it took him seven days to do it.

It's hard to believe that such stupidity and lucidity can co-exist at the same time in the same nation, but that's evolution for you.

I remain confident that natural selection will take care of the former, and advance the latter.

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MICHAEL DE ADER

Online Chatter

Is this old-fashioned approach still valid?

Re: Milk-bag mats for Third World countries (March 15)

We are uncertain as to the real environmental and ethical costs of this venture.

Recycling is definitely important, however sending our recycled materials thousands of kilometres overseas does nothing to help sustain the environment, and milk-bag mats simply give us a reason to continue to over-consume plastic.

From an ethical point of view, is it right to send our waste that we don't want, to others?

Plastic bags do exist in Third World countries, but proper mats and teddy bears are scarce.

This seems to be a fairly ignorant attempt to solve a problem without fully un-

derstanding the real situation. Comments by username: huh

twitter

Re: George W. Bush's visit to Canada

I think people are hoping something will happen to Bush while he's here, but Calgary's too sleepy to actually try anything.

Tweet by ideagrill @metrocalgary

Re: George W. Bush's visit to Canada

It was bad form to only allow a few elites to hear the talk. All of Calgary could have benefited from the discussion.

Tweet by muunkky @metrocalgary

Word on the street: What outdoor activity do you most look forward to once the weather warms up?

Terry Cox

age 20, Ottawa

A: Football. It's fun to get together with the guys and hit and hurt each other.

John Crouch

age 22, Toronto

A: Going to the pool at the Four Seasons, and go-karting at The Docks.

Julie Boissonneault

age 25, Gatineau

A: Read a book outside. I'm just tired of sitting inside all winter.

Judy Hines

age 22, Port Hawkesbury, N.S.

A: Outdoor soccer. We play until it's dark and cap it off with some beer.

Andrew Black

age 22, Halifax

A: I'm looking forward to hiking and camping again. I just don't like pavement.

Kelly Soucie

age 22, Hull

A: Being able to walk outside or rollerblade. I like the fresh air and finally being outdoors again.



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Business

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Loans linked to looks?

Trustworthy appearance key to borrowing: Study

A credit score can tell a lender a lot about a prospective borrower, but so can the borrower's looks, a new study says.

People who are perceived to be trustworthy are more likely to have a higher credit score and pay lower interest rates on loans, and are less likely to default, according to the study by Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Even when hard facts such as credit scores are available, people rely on an assessment of trustworthiness to decide whether to make a loan.

Researchers studied

Prejudices

- To make sure the evaluators' prejudices did not skew the results, researchers controlled for race, age, gender, obesity, attractiveness and education, as well as financial factors like employment status and income.

members of Prosper.com, an online lending site where people looking for loans are matched up with individual lenders.

A team of 25 people was hired to rate the Pros-

per.com loan applicants' trustworthiness on a scale of one to five using only the photographs of the borrowers.

Those judged to be trustworthy by the team were more likely to get a loan from Prosper.com lenders and tended to have a credit score about 20 points higher than those determined to be untrustworthy, the researchers found.

"Untrustworthy" borrowers were seven per cent more likely to default on their loan than a perceived trustworthy borrower with the same credit score.

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Business in brief

WIRELESS Telus Corp. plans to spend \$500 million this year on building out telecom infra-

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Brodeur passes Roy

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Sports

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Sens down Sabres

NHL RESULT

Sabres 2 Senators 4



THE SKINNY: The Buffalo Sabres had a two-goal lead in the first period then self-destructed by taking too many penalties, which led to three consecutive Ottawa power-play goals after Dany Heatley notched one at even strength.

COACH OWNS SABRES: Ottawa head coach Cory Clouston is undefeated against Buffalo this season with four victories. Clouston registered his first NHL win against the Sabres on Feb. 7.

THE SEASON SERIES: Ottawa wins their season series with the Sabres five games to one.

THE SHOT: Buffalo had just one shot on net in the second period and a game total of 13.

NEW NETMINDER: Goalie Mikael Tellqvist played his first game in a Sabres uniform after being picked up at the trade



Ottawa Senator Chris Neil watches a goal by teammate Brendan Bell, not shown, against Buffalo Sabres goalie Mikael Tellqvist as Jaroslav Spacek looks on last night in Ottawa.

deadline from the Phoenix Coyotes.

THE PENALTIES: Buffalo was called for seven consecutive penalties during the second and third period.

THE PAIR: Ottawa blue-liner Brendan Bell picked up two power-play goals in the victory.

THE WINNER: Ottawa captain Daniel Alfredsson notched the winning goal on the power play early in third period.

THE NEXT GAME: The Montreal Canadiens will pay a visit to the nation's capital and Scotiabank Place tomorrow night.

MIKE BEASLEY/
FOR METRO OTTAWA

Sports in brief

BASEBALL World Series MVP Cole Hamels of the Philadelphia Phillies has no structural damage to his tender left elbow but is not certain to start the season, the team said yesterday. The 25-year-old pitcher was diagnosed with inflammation in his pitching elbow and is set to resume training in two days.

BASEBALL Fourteen-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez seems set to sign with the Houston Astros after the World Baseball Classic. General manager Ed Wade told the team's website the deal was in the "discussion phase" before adding, "In the last few days we see there is a possibility to get something done."

OLYMPICS Squash should be accepted into the 2016 Olympic program because the sport is economical to host, the president of squash's world governing body said. The International Olympic Committee will decide in October whether to introduce up to two new sports for the 2016 Games.

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Metro Drive

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World Car finalists

Ford Fiesta, Toyota iQ, and Volkswagen Golf VI have been named the finalists for the 2009 World Car Award. The top three entries for the World Car Design of the Year were Citroën C5 Sedan/C5 Tourer, Fiat 500, and Jaguar XF. The winners will be named at the New York International Auto Show April 9.

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Heading out on hybrid highway

Honda Insight Hybrid takes the next giant step in environmentally-friendly vehicles

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Honda has passed the next great milestone on the road to a greener future with the 2010 Insight Hybrid.

Smaller than a Honda Civic, the Insight five-door hatchback seats five adults, has a flat cargo floor with the back seat folded and can travel up to 640 kilometre on one 40-litre tank of gas.

The Insight doesn't go on sale until Earth Day (April 22) and pricing has yet to be announced, but it will be "competitive" with its main rival, the Toyota Prius.

The heart of the Insight is its fifth generation IMA (Integrated Motor Assist) system that first bowed on the original two-seat Honda Insight a decade ago.

IMA uses energy stored in a battery pack to provide extra power to the engine



The 2010 Honda Insight Hybrid goes on sale April 22 (Earth Day) with seating for five adults and an estimated average combined fuel consumption of 4.7L/100 km or 60 mpg.

metal hydride (Ni-MH) battery is composed of 84 D-size (1.2 volt) cells giving a total of 100.8 volts and a capacity of 5.7 ampere-hours.

Because it has fewer than the 11 modules in the Civic Hybrid, Honda engineers were able to place it under the floor along with the Intelligent Power Unit (IPU) that controls the IMA system. Besides the battery pack, the IPU contains the power control unit (ECU) and electric control unit (ECU) along with the cooling system for the battery pack.

Despite its complexity,

when needed. What is different is the new IMA allows the Insight to run on pure battery power under certain low load conditions.

A 1.3-litre, four-cylinder gasoline engine and a 10-kilowatt electric motor are the power source of the IMA system. Combined, they produce 98 hp and 123 lb/ft of torque. An ultra-thin

brushless DC motor is located between the engine and the CVT transmission. During acceleration, the motor adds power. Under braking or gentle deceleration,

it acts as a generator capturing kinetic energy to recharge the battery.

When you come to a stop, the engine turns off and the Insight runs on the battery. When you move off, the engine comes back on. Honda calls this Idle Stop.

The seven-module nickel

2010 Honda Insight

Type: Compact hybrid hatchback
Price: N/A
Engine: 1.3-litre SOHC inline four-cylinder engine and 10 kilowatt electric motor (98 hp, 123 lb/ft)
Drive method: front-engine, front-wheel drive
Fuel economy: (Estimated) 4.8/4.5/4.7L/100 km (58/62/60 mpg) city/highway/combined

the Insight is straightforward to drive, but there are some interesting extras.

The layout of the instrument panel is like the Civic with an upper tier for the digital speed readout and a lower tier for the tachometer and fuel level. But on the upper level, the speed (shown in numerals) is backed by a colour band that is coloured blue when fuel is being used aggressively. It turns blue-green when the driving style is moderate and then green when fuel is being consumed efficiently. So, at a glance you can tell if you are being good or bad to the environment.

There will be two trim levels in Canada starting with the LX that features climate control, power locks/windows/doors, remote entry, cruise control and more.

The EX adds stability control, alloy wheels, steering wheel mounted paddle shifters, Honda's navigation system with bilingual voice recognition and Bluetooth connectivity.

Unsaid at the unveiling of the Insight was the sense Honda is turning its attention to positioning itself as the "affordable" green car company as the slightly larger Civic Hybrid will continue to be sold on the same showroom floor.

And with the 2010 Insight, Honda has made a great first step in that direction.

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Increasing numbers of business travellers are foregoing executive-class seats and flying economy, especially in Europe, the International Air Transport Association said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Travel

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Selling betel nut with sex

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Tourists passing through the streets of Taiwan may notice an unusual cultural phenomenon. It looks like a scene from Amsterdam's Red Light district, with scantily-clad girls soliciting customers from neon-lit boxes. Tourists might assume these ladies are sex workers, but, here on the hazy streets of Taoyan, a city an hour outside of Taipei, the girls aren't selling sex. They're selling betel nut.

Consumed throughout South East Asia, betel nut, from the fruit of the betel nut palm, is a mild stimulant similar to tobacco. Chewing it is a habit associated with Taiwanese identity and masculinity. It's common to see its byproducts: Red stained teeth and sidewalks covered in gobs of scarlet spit.

Though it may be a messy habit, betel nut is rich with cultural significance. It has been around for centuries and was traditionally used by indige-



In Taoyan, tourists will spot the controversial Betel Nut Beauties at roadside kiosks selling the chewing tobacco-like stimulant.

nous people for marriage ceremonies, medicine and acts of hospitality.

Today, many users are long-distance truck drivers looking for a quick pick-me-up. Though a known carcinogen, the highly demanded product is sold along freeway on-ramps.

To make the product more desirable to consumers, vendors employ young, attractive women known as Binlan Xi Shi or Betel Nut Beauties.

They stand in provoca-

tive outfits at roadside booths, selling bags of betel nut to commuters. There are an estimated 60,000 booths, with thousands of girls working in the industry. They are typically 18- to 25-years-old, making \$30,000 to \$40,000 Taiwanese new dollars per month (about \$1,100 to \$1,500).

With kiosks concentrated in the Taoyan area, the competition is fierce. The more clients the girls bring in, the more they get paid,

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so there is a financial incentive to dress erotically to attract customers. Costumed in pink lace teddies and leopard print lingerie, many of the girls wear more blue eyeshadow than fabric.

In this relatively conservative country, Betel Nut Beauties have become a controversial topic. Locals argue that their outfits are too sexy, it exploits women and is "a plight on the Taiwanese landscape." Others chalk it up to marketing, likening the beauties to cigarette girls of the 1930s.

Ching Jie Lee, a 22-year-old Betel Nut Beauty, doesn't understand why there's such stigma surrounding her line of work. "We are not prostitutes. It's a normal job, like anything else," she says. "I chose this job and my family is proud of me ... as long as I don't wear anything too short."

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing Sundays at 8:30 p.m. EST on OLN; juliadimon.com.

Armchair travel

If you think a vacation is out of reach this year, sit down and have a look at *Tough Times, Great Travels* (Rodale, \$10.95) by Peter Greenberg. The author, who is the travel editor of NBC's *Today Show*, is confident that if you know the ins and outs of scoring travel deals, you'll be able to hit the beach even in the leanest of times. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



An artist's rendition of the Recovery Lounge, a highlight of Hilton Hotels' new luxury brand.

Hilton Hotels launches 'Denizen' luxury brand

DEVELOPMENT Hilton Hotels launched its new luxury hotel brand Denizen yesterday, catering to "globally conscious modern travellers of the world."

The long-awaited announcement comes as luxury hotels and resorts have fallen out of favour during the deepening recession, as businesses look to cut back on extras and corporate travel planners shy away from frivolous spending.

"While we continue to operate in a challenging macro economic environment, the addition of Denizen Hotels demonstrates our commitment to continuing to invest in our long-term growth," Christopher Nassetta, Hilton's president and

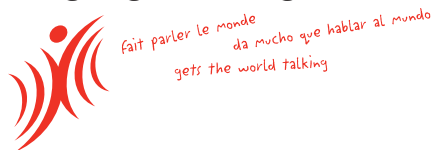
chief executive, said in a statement.

Hilton said the new brand "will be highlighted by exceptional design and service at an accessible price point," rounding out the company's "Luxury & Lifestyle portfolio," including the Waldorf Astoria, the Waldorf Astoria Collection and Conrad Hotels & Resorts.

The company said Denizen developments are planned in cosmopolitan, urban cities as well as resort destinations.

Hilton said active negotiations are underway for developing projects in Abu Dhabi, Beverly Hills, Ca., Buenos Aires, Istanbul, Jerusalem, London, Mumbai and New York. **REUTERS**

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Museum exhibits art looted by Nazis

NEW YORK Nearly 50 paintings by the Dutch Old Masters seized by the Nazis during the Second World War will be on display at the Jewish Museum in New York until Aug. 2.

The paintings once belonged to Jacques Goud-

stikker, a Jewish art dealer in Amsterdam who died in 1940 fleeing the Nazi invasion of Holland. The exhibition marks the first time since the war the paintings have been displayed as Goudstikker's collection.

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Kirsten Dunst has not signed on for Spider-Man 4. Director Sam Raimi admitted the actress has not yet confirmed she will reprise her role as Mary Jane Watson in the super-hero franchise. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Taking the recession on tour

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

When U2 put out an announcement about their North American tour recently, there was one detail in the press release that stood out: \$30 tickets.

It's a move, the band's manager Paul McGuinness said, that was designed to "ensure that U2 fans can purchase a great priced ticket with a guaranteed great view."

While that's a welcomed gesture from thousands of followers who are struggling to make ends meet during this recession, it could have also been a way to make sure the band's tour will be a sold out event.

It's likely U2 would have sold plenty of tickets any

Riding the Recession

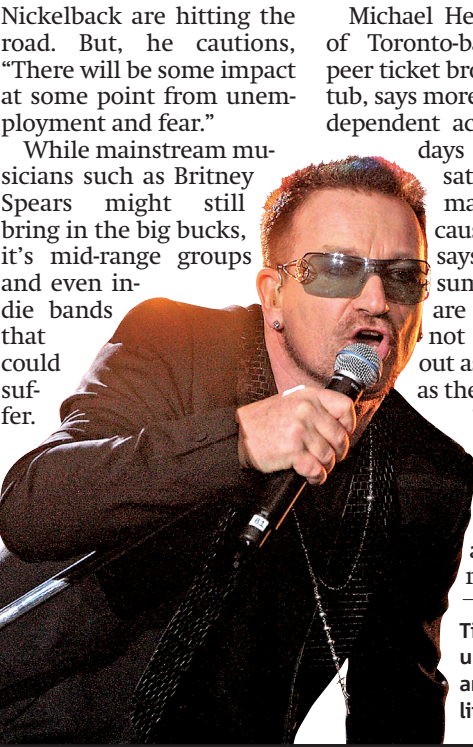
way, and many seats are either \$55 or \$85, but they're not the only act that seems nervous about touring during this major economic downturn.

"We're seeing plenty of reaction to the economy in terms of pricing, from lay-away plans at the festivals to packaging of artists, to multi-tiered pricing," says Billboard Magazine's Ray Waddell.

So far, however, touring hasn't suffered. Waddell says this year looks "very solid" so far, as huge acts like Billy Joel, Taylor Swift and

Nickelback are hitting the road. But, he cautions, "There will be some impact at some point from unemployment and fear."

While mainstream musicians such as Britney Spears might still bring in the big bucks, it's mid-range groups and even indie bands that could suffer.



Michael Hershfield, CEO of Toronto-based peer-to-peer ticket brokerage LiveSutub, says more and more independent acts tour these days and that has saturated the market. "Because of that," he says, "when consumers' wallets are tight they're not going to go out as many nights as they used to."

"I haven't noticed anything yet," says Steven Himmelfarb, a booker who represents

Tickets for U2's upcoming tour are selling for as little as \$30.

smaller acts like Tokyo Police Club. "All the cheaper ticket shows — \$10 to \$20 — I have not noticed any difference. There is a looming fear that might change instantly though."

If touring acts aren't feeling the recession yet, some venues are. In Halifax the legendary Marquee Club — the place where Sloan got their start — closed down in January. "It has been vastly unprofitable," owner Victor Syperek told CBC News late last year.

Waddell thinks more venues could shutter their doors too. He points to Toad's Place, a famous venue in Virginia, as a sign that some clubs just can't beat the recession.

"There is no substitute for 'brand equity,' but love and history can't keep the

"We're seeing plenty of reaction to the economy in terms of pricing," Ray Waddell, Billboard Magazine

doors open," he explains.

Clubs might be at risk, but it's the summer festival that could suffer the most. There's a real chance big name concerts like Chicago's Lollapalooza or Warped Tour could see sponsorship pulled as companies cut back on marketing, and ticket prices aren't cheap.

"Festivals are the most nervous," says Himmelfarb. "They've been cutting back, but because they're trying to build a brand, it's hard for them to take a year off and ... duck the recession."

In brief

MOVIES Having put her stamp on Twilight, director Catherine Hardwicke is in talks with Columbia Pictures to develop and direct a film adaptation of another young-adult fantasy series, Maximum Ride. The five-volume series by James Patterson chronicles six teens, known as the Flock, who are genetically altered so that they are part human and part bird.

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Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag

An apple a day keeps the doctor away, but a clove of garlic a day keeps everyone away. Just kidding; garlic is good for you, and there are ways to avoid the lethal breath. In this new episode, Anna and Kristina test-drive a cookbook in which every recipe contains garlic. They also compare modern mincing tools to that old kitchen standby, a good chef's knife. 8 PM on 62 W



Canada's Next Great Prime Minister

It's all about the best and the brightest — and, let's hope, the different — in this now-annual special, hosted for the first time by Alex Trebek ("Jeopardy!"). Young men and women use their intelligence to compete for an internship, sharing their ideas for improving the country with four former prime ministers: Kim Campbell, Paul Martin, Brian Mulroney and Joe Clark. The audience picks the winner. 8 PM on 8 CBC

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Taylor Swift has no problems talking about dating — and boys — but don't ask her about sex. "I think when you talk about virginity and sex publicly, people just automatically picture you naked," the 19-year-old singer tells Allure for its April issue. **PEOPLE.COM**

Swift doesn't discuss sex

Celebrity Buzz

Winehouse pleads not guilty

PEOPLE Amy Winehouse cracked her knuckles, adjusted her beehive — and to the delight of the 20 reporters in a London courtroom — spoke clearly from behind a clear plastic shield on the stand Tuesday morning, people.com reports.

Uttering only a few lines during a 15-minute hearing in the City of Westminster Magistrates' Court, Winehouse proudly proclaimed her name as Amy Jade Civil — her married name. And, leaning forward to speak through a gap in the plastic, she pleaded "not guilty" when a charge of common assault against Sherene Flash was put to her.

The assault is alleged to have happened in September 2008 in Berkeley Square, London, at a high society ball.

Winehouse, 25, was dressed in a summery floral print, low-cut dress, which revealed her many tattoos and her bra strap, and four-inch pink stilettos. Asked at one point, as she fidgeted with her hair, if she was okay, she turned a security guard and said, "Me? I'm alright."

Watching the proceedings from a few feet away was her father Mitch and a minder, who had driven her down to the court from her new home in Barnet, north London. District judge and chief magistrate Timothy Workman set a trial date of July 23 and Winehouse was remanded on bail.

Leaving the hearing, the singer strutted and posed for the gathered photographers before being whisked away.

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Natasha's brain injury

ACCIDENT Actress Natasha Richardson, a member of Britain's Redgrave theatrical dynasty, was severely injured while skiing at a Canadian resort and was returned to New York yesterday with her husband, actor Liam Neeson, according to media reports.

The New York Post, New York Daily News and London's Evening Standard newspapers all said Richardson, 45, the daughter of the actress and activist Vanessa Redgrave, suffered a life-threatening brain injury. But the severity of her condition could not be confirmed as her British and U.S. representatives repeatedly declined comment.

Richardson was skiing at the Mont Tremblant resort, about 75 miles (120 km) north of Montreal, when

she fell on Monday during a private skiing lesson. The resort said the actress appeared to be in good condition after the fall but later felt unwell. She was taken first to a local hospital and then to the Montreal hospital.

The Toronto Star said one of its reporters saw Richardson, wrapped in blankets and lying on a stretcher with Neeson nearby as she was placed in an ambulance outside Hopital du Sacre-Coeur where she had been taken. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. said Richardson left Canada on Tuesday afternoon on a private plane, accompanied by medical staff.

REUTERS



Goldstein suing jet company for damages

LEGAL DJ AM, Adam Goldstein, has taken a leaf out of mate Travis Barker's book in suing the company who owned the Learjet which almost became his fiery coffin last year, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The two friends were travelling back to Los Angeles from South Carolina when the jet failed to clear a runway, crashed and burst into flames.

Although the pair survived the crash, their four

friends weren't so lucky, and now the music men are determined to put things right in their memory, and gain some compensation for the third degree burns they both suffered.

In new legal papers, obtained by TMZ, Goldstein is calling for \$10 million US in damages for medical bills, lost earnings and profits and other economic damages. He wants another \$10 million US for mental and physical pain and suffering.

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Competition still on, says Tyra

CAREER After an New York City casting call for America's Next Top Model turned ugly Saturday as hundreds of hopefuls were caught in a stampede resulting in three arrests and six injuries, the show's host and executive producer Tyra Banks tells aspiring models that they will still have a chance to compete, usmagazine.com reports.

"To all the Top Model hopefuls who were affected by the New York casting, we are doing everything we can to make sure that all the girls who weren't seen, get an opportunity to audition — we'll update you on our plans very soon," Banks said in a statement Monday.

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Zellweger blames fans for her tardiness

PEOPLE Renee Zellweger says her fans make her late, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Bridget Jones star admits she regularly keeps friends and colleagues waiting, but blames her poor time keeping on spending time with the public.

She said: "I have missed flights, missed ferries, missed taxi cabs and made my friends wait because of it. I'm learning to be better at it but I'll still feel bad if I can't stop to talk to someone."

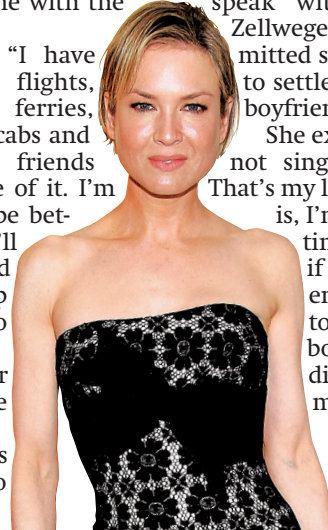
Despite her tardiness, the 39-year-old actress feels obliged to

speak to people on the streets because she doesn't want to let anybody down. She explained: "I hate to disappoint them, and I'm not very good at saying no."

Though she always manages to find the time to speak with her fans, Zellweger recently admitted she is too busy to settle down with a boyfriend.

She explained: "I'm not single, I'm busy. That's my line. The thing is, I'm away all the time. I suppose if I sat still long enough to get to know somebody beyond a dinner date, maybe."

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Surgery before Jackson show?

IMAGE Before Michael Jackson takes the stage this summer for his farewell shows at London's O2 Arena, he's allegedly making a stop at the doctor's office.

"Michael has consulted some of the world's best cosmetologists and surgeons in preparation for this comeback," writer Ian Halperin tells the Sun. Jackson's reps deny the claims, but then again they also say the only work he's ever had done is one nose job to help him breathe.

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FAILURE TO LAUNCH

Why won't some adult children leave home?

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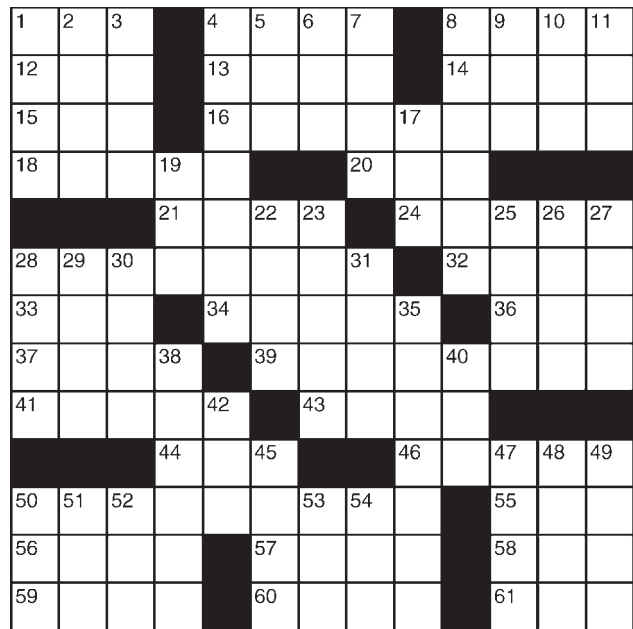
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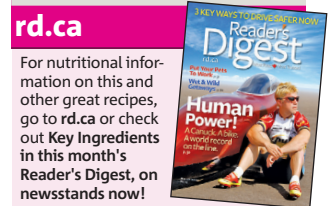
Blue Cheese-stuffed Burgers

INGREDIENTS:
 3/4 lb (375 g) extra-lean ground beef
 1 cup (250 ml) quick-cooking oats (uncooked)
 2 tbsp (25 ml) ketchup
 2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
 1/4 tsp (6 ml) black pepper
 1/4 cup (50 ml) crumbled blue cheese
 4 hamburger buns
 Romaine lettuce leaves
 1 firm-ripe tomato, sliced
 1 small red onion, sliced

METHOD:
 1. Preheat broiler. Mix beef, oats, ketchup, mustard, and black pepper in large bowl until well blended. Divide into 8

equal pieces and flatten into thin patties.
 2. Place 1 tbsp (15 ml) of crumbled cheese in the centre of each of 4 patties.
 3. Top with remaining patties and pinch edges to seal.
 4. Broil 4 inches from the heat until well done — 4 to 6 minutes per side. Serve burgers on buns with lettuce, tomato and red onion.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 A good-looking guy has to pay the piper. Your social choices are affected by work. A revelation is made during a reconciliation.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 Somebody's desires are aroused by a chance remark. Don't reach for a secret too soon. Try not to wear out your welcome.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 Commitments are made and surprises arise. A friend makes a stand about emotional obstacles. Your situation becomes an inspiration.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 Be sure you know what you're doing. A friend finds the time to see the truth. A car is nearly involved in an accident.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 Don't let your dreams be threatened by the light of reality. You're aware of someone's uneasiness. Understand the spaces between friends.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
 Someone finds something painful. Don't look down on a last chance meeting. A rough guy is bothering a bad-tempered person.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 You'll clash with an idiot. Prepare to be the life of the party. A passionate person will calmly break someone's heart.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 A man comes to you with his problems. Don't intimidate those who seek peace. An ailing friend says something stupid.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 Someone celebrates getting a generous reward. You could fall into a world of love. There'll be no time left for jagged nerves.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 A cheater's anxiety attack makes you suspicious. A grouchy friend claims to have a great deal. A humble person is giddy with delight.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 Some hills are too steep to climb. Say something before you leave. A problematical person forces unwanted changes.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
 An absent minded lover shows up too late to meet. Impossible things will occur. Keep quiet when a bully is near.



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